Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 02 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 03 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 02 Oct 2021 at 03:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: The main uncertainties lie in the extent of rainfall on Saturday and how far it pushes west. Confidence is high for unsettled weather and strong winds over the weekends and some wintriness on the higher munros.

Headline for Saturday 02 Oct 2021: Strong southerly winds, rain spreading north, some ranges in the west staying dry.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 02 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	40%	40%	30%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 02 Oct 2021

Weather: A few blustery showers in the overnight period but mainly dry further east. A mainly dry and bright start to the day for most areas but a few showers breaking out for Torridon and Skye. Cloud will spread north by late morning over as outbreaks of rain spread north over the area for the afternoon. Precipitation is likely to be wintery for the higher Munros and a few showers turning heavy at times with the odd rumble of thunder. Potentially showery rain may clear the western ranges in the afternoon with some late brightness here. Mainly dry during the evening period.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% in the early morning, lowering to 40% in the afternoon as scattered or broken lower cloud spreads across the hills in association with the showery rain. More low cloud found in the south of the area around Knoydart and Loch Arkaig.

Visibility: Very good visibility at the start of the day but cloud will spread north and begin to lower over summits. Cloud bases during the afternoon will be scattered or broken from 500m and rain or sleet will also cause the visibility to be poor or even very poor at times during the afternoon. Visibility and cloud bases will be slightly higher for the Cuillins.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	36/42 S	33/41 S	26/34 SE	26/32 SE	21/26 SE	18/24 S	16/20 S
900	34/40 S	30/38 S	25/32 SE	24/31 SE	20/25 SE	18/23 S	16/20 S
600	23/30 S	22/29 S	21/28 SE	18/24 SE	13/18 SE	11/17 S	10/15 S
300	3/25 S	7/27 S	6/23 SE	6/24 SE	3/15 SE	2/15 S	2/13 S
Glen	7/20 S	12/25 S	12/23 SE	11/24 SE	8/16 SE	5/11 SE	3/8 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-7	1/-7	3/-4	2/-5	2/-4	1/-4	1/-5
900	2/-6	2/-5	3/-3	3/-3	3/-2	2/-3	1/-4
600	4/-2	4/-1	6/1	5/0	5/1	4/1	4/0
300	6/4	7/5	9/8	8/6	7/6	6/5	5/4
Glen	8/6	10/7	11/9	10/8	10/8	9/8	8/7
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1200m	1300m	1300m	1200m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Noticeable wind chill in gales on the summits, although winds easing through the day. Freezing level will rise slightly during the day but precipitation will often be sleet or snow on the higher summits.

Forecast for Sunday 03 Oct 2021

Weather: A lot of uncertainty in the forecast for Sunday morning so keep an eye on updates. Rain and cloud clearing overnight and a bright and mainly dry start to the day on Sunday but winds strengthening and rain likely to spread in from the northwest. During the afternoon further outbreaks of rain or showers are likely especially for the western ranges. Rain expected to clear east in the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20-25 mph with gusts 35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, in the early morning but a lot of low cloud expected to develop with the rainfall. In the afternoon in the west chances will lower to 30% with broken or overcast cloud above 500m.

Visibility: Good or very good in the morning on Sunday but falling moderate or poor in the afternoon in rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius later.
Freezing level: 1200m rising to 1400m

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